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## U.S. SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

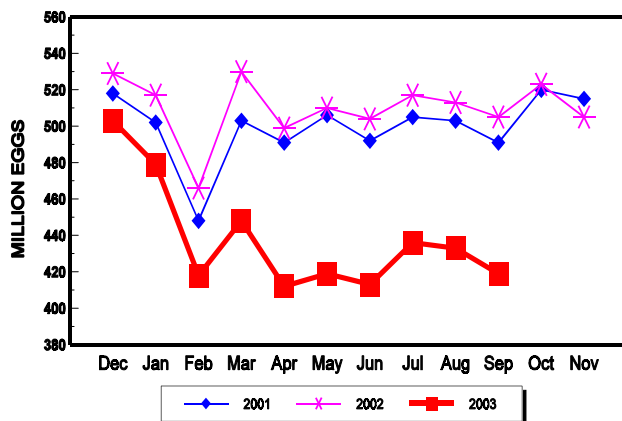
U.S. egg production totaled 7.05 billion during September 2003, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.04 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 961 million were broiler-type and 55.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2003 averaged 332 million, down 2 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,127 eggs, up slightly from September 2002.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 331 million on October 1, 2003, down 2 percent from a year ago. The 331 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial-type eggs, 54.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.35 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers on October 1, 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

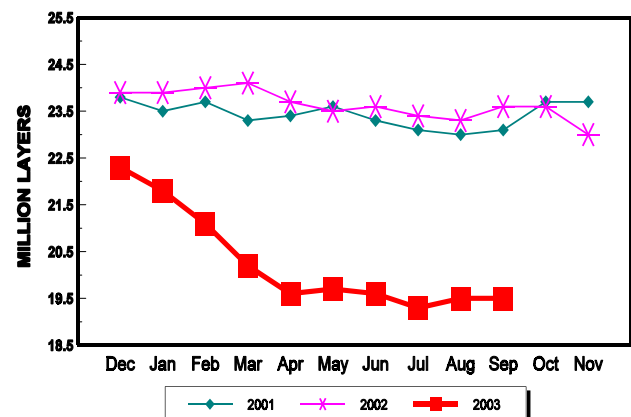
California's egg production during September totaled 419 million, 15.0 million less than last month and 86.0 million less than last September. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.5 million, 1 percent above last month, but 17 percent lower than September 2002. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,146 compared to 2,225 last month and 2,136 in September 2002.

**EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA**  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

## LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING SEPTEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF OCTOBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,989	9,568	1,872	1,871	187	179	7.0	2.0	14.0	3.0
Arkansas	14,394	14,628	1,841	1,846	265	270	3.5	2.5	10.0	10.5
California	23,649	19,524	2,136	2,146	505	419	5.0	7.5	27.0	34.0
Georgia	20,237	19,735	2,016	2,037	408	402	4.5	3.5	17.0	17.5
Indiana	22,839	22,613	2,272	2,162	519	489	2.0	6.0	29.5	33.0
Iowa	37,562	38,925	2,194	2,194	824	854	5.5	8.0	30.5	30.0
North Carolina	10,692	10,442	1,899	1,925	203	201	1.5	0.5	10.5	12.0
Ohio	30,864	28,699	2,142	2,150	661	617	7.0	6.5	21.5	24.0
Pennsylvania	23,709	23,619	2,244	2,252	532	532	5.0	5.0	18.0	20.5
Texas	18,484	18,304	2,099	2,087	388	382	3.5	4.0	27.0	22.5
UNITED STATES	337,264	331,659	2,119	2,127	7,147	7,054	4.6	5.1	23.7	23.1

### U.S. BROILER HATCH DOWN SLIGHTLY

The September 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 739 million, was down slightly from September of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 600 million on October 1, 2003, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.70 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2003, down slightly from September 2002.

#### BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER

State	2002	2003	2003 2002
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	102,721	103,395	101
Arkansas	104,631	107,587	103
Delaware	12,110	13,431	111
Florida	7,827	4,801	61
Georgia	110,622	113,179	102
Kentucky	23,318	24,135	104
Louisiana	13,260	13,212	100
Maryland	34,012	32,131	94
Mississippi	66,572	67,410	101
North Carolina	63,156	59,203	94
Oklahoma	23,513	21,767	93
Pennsylvania	12,717	12,322	97
South Carolina	17,008	15,584	92
Texas	51,600	51,636	100
Virginia	22,262	22,309	100
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	55,534	56,434	102
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	19,533	20,655	106
UNITED STATES	740,396	739,191	100

<sup>1/</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

### U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP SLIGHTLY

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 35.8 million, up slightly from September 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.1 million on October 1, 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago.

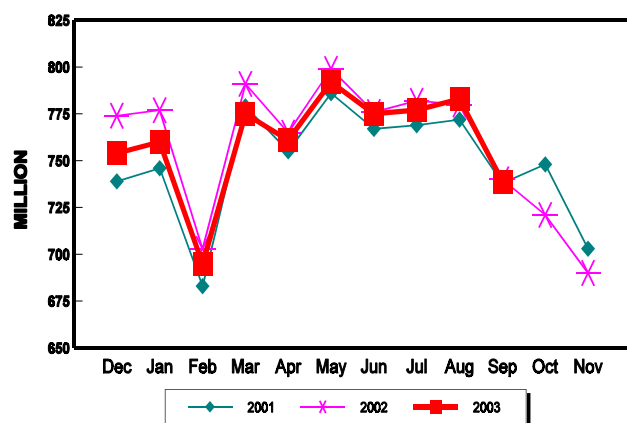
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 269 thousand during September 2003, down 3 percent from September 2002.

#### EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, SEPTEMBER

State	2002	2003	2003 2002
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	794	836	105
Florida	550	596	108
Georgia	2,248	2,371	105
Indiana	4,843	5,247	108
Iowa	5,302	6,365	120
Minnesota	1,662	1,108	67
Pennsylvania	4,381	5,308	121
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	15,954	13,946	87
UNITED STATES	35,734	35,777	100

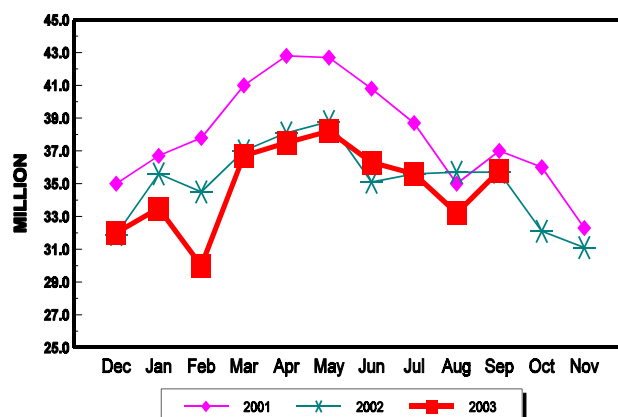
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#### BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

#### EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

#### EGGS IN INCUBATORS, OCTOBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	10,885	11,329	104	4,553	5,398	119
East North Central	7,549	8,105	107	5,500	5,899	107
West North Central	17,708	20,763	117	6,299	6,791	108
South Atlantic	218,782	218,252	100	3,739	2,406	64
South Central	314,577	322,240	102	5,241	4,760	91
West	20,621	19,801	96	4,549	4,851	107
UNITED STATES	590,122	600,490	102	29,881	30,105	101

## POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average September prices received by California producers, when compared to August average prices, decreased 3.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the September average prices received by producers remained the same for broilers, while turkey prices increased 3.5 cents per pound compared to last month. Prices for market eggs decreased 3.5 cents per dozen.

### POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003
		Cents		
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	38.0	74.0	71.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	29.0	36.0	36.0
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	39.2	66.9	63.4
Turkeys <u>2/</u>	Lb.	37.2	32.2	35.7

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

<sup>2/</sup> Mid-month prices.

## U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 28.1 million on October 1, 2003, down 4 percent from October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the September 2003 total of 28.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 11 percent; West North Central, down slightly; North and South Atlantic, down 3 percent; South Central, down 7 percent; and West, down 4 percent.

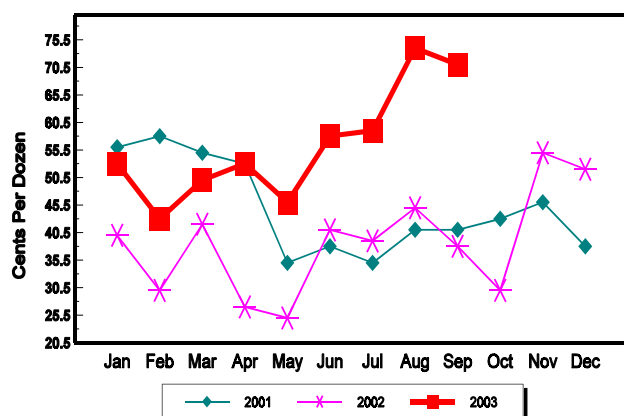
The 22.2 million poult placed during September 2003 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 8 percent from the August 2003 total of 24.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up 2 percent; West North Central, up 4 percent; North and South Atlantic, up slightly; South Central, down 17 percent; and West, down 28 percent.

### ALL TURKEYS

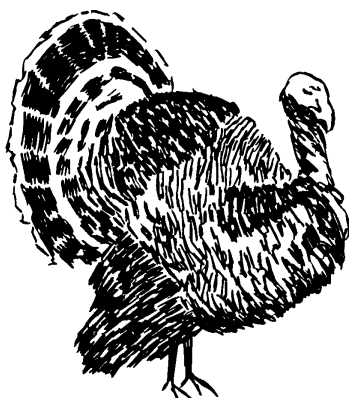
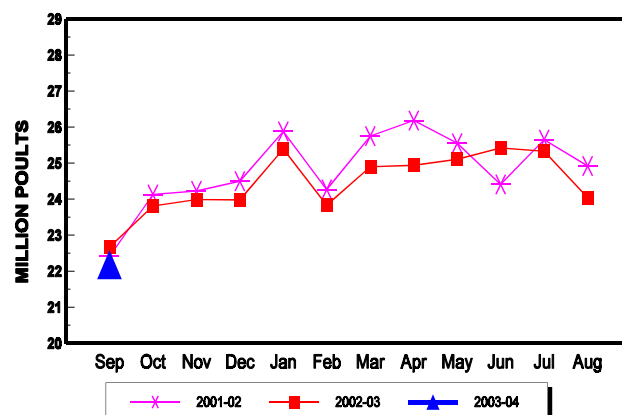
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators October 1		2003 2002	Poults Placed During Sept. 1/		2003 2002
	2002	2003		2002	2003	
	Thousands	Pct.	Thousands	Pct.		
E N Central	4,961	4,437	89	3,487	3,565	102
W N Central	11,295	11,247	100	8,475	8,796	104
N & S Atlantic	8,767	8,506	97	6,581	6,608	100
S Central	2,529	2,342	93	2,116	1,758	83
West	1,678	1,612	96	2,011	1,450	72
U.S.	29,230	28,144	96	22,670	22,177	98

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes exported poults.

### MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2001-2003



### TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2001-2004



### TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES <sup>1/ 2/</sup>

Month	Total All Breeds		03-04 02-03	Cumulative Total		03-04 02-03
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent		
Sept.	22,670	22,177	98	22,670	22,177	98
Oct.	23,811			46,481		
Nov.	23,987			70,468		
Dec.	23,977			94,445		
Jan.	25,389			119,834		
Feb.	23,833			143,667		
Mar.	24,902			168,569		
Apr.	24,938			193,507		
May	25,111			218,618		
June	25,422			244,040		
July	25,330			269,370		
Aug.	24,036			293,406		

<sup>1/</sup> Data for 2002-03 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 2002 Summary."

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes exported poults.

**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

Commodity	Unit	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Sept. 2003 Sept. 2002	Sept. 2003 Aug. 2003
		Thousands			Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	85,310	74,189	72,459	85	98
Chickens	Lbs.	60,874	39,462	30,762	51	78
Ducks	Lbs.	138	68	67	49	99
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	146,322	113,719	103,288	71	91
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	672,382	706,502	653,508	97	92
Chickens	Lbs.	835,425	617,698	603,691	72	98
Ducks	Lbs.	7,692	4,064	2,931	38	72
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,515,499	1,328,264	1,260,130	83	95
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	13,198	18,044	16,761	127	93